

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the occasion to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have devoted themselves to assisting those in society with special needs; and

Whereas, Ralph J. Sneed, Ph.D., of Florissant, Missouri, is a licensed psychologist who has held a variety of positions in the field of mental retardation and developmental disabilities down through the years; and

Whereas, Dr. Sneed is leaving his post as East District Deputy Director for the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, on January 31, 2003; and

Whereas, Dr. Ralph Sneed has garnered an exceptional reputation for his leadership labors as Superintendent at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center in St. Louis, a position from which he retired on January 17, 2003; and

Whereas, Dr. Ralph Sneed brought to his important endeavors in Missouri a wealth of experience, knowledge, and skills developed from his work as Superintendent of the North Jersey Developmental Center in New Jersey, during a four-year-long stint in the Casey administration as Director of all of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania state-run centers for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and as an independent consultant who practiced in Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana, and California; and

Whereas, author of several informative articles in his chosen field, Dr. Ralph Sneed was recognized by the United States Army for his work with prisoners during the Vietnam War:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary leadership contributions so ably given by Dr. Ralph Sneed throughout his many years in the field of psychology, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his work for the state of Missouri and our best wishes for a very rewarding retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the well-deserved retirement of Dr. Ralph J. Sneed from state employment.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker